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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PINS, CASC, AEMR, DM

SUBJECT: BENIN COUP ATTEMPT: 1600 GMT SITREP

1. ONLY ISOLATED SHOTS ARE HEARD NOW IN COTONOU AS SOLDIERS ROAM STREETS IN AIRPORT END OF TOWN "LOOKING FOR MERCENARIES, BLACK AS WELL AS WHITE" WHO MIGHT HIDE IN RESIDENCES THERE. AID OFFICER'S HOUSE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN SEARCHED TWICE AND GPRB RADIO HAS CALLED ON LOCAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES TO "ACT POLITELY BUT FIRMLY, WITHOUT ANY VANDALISM OR THIEVERY, IN SEARCHING ALL (RPT ALL) HOUSES." MILITARY AND POLICE LEAVES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND ALL PERSONNEL RECALLED TO DUTY TO ASSIST IN SEARCHES.

2. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HAS REPORTEDLY LOST EVERY WINDOW ALL SHOT OUT BY GPRB MILITARY AFTER SEEING TWO ARMED WHITES RUN FROM WEED-COVERED LOT NEIGHBORING IT AND ASSUMING THEY HAD BEEN IN RESIDENCE. WHITES WERE REPORTEDLY SHOT IN STREET
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BETWEEN RESIDENCE AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE ORGY OF GLASS-BREAKING BEGAN.

3. IN VIEW THIS AND EARLIER REPORTS ABOUT WHITE-SKINNED INVADERS EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE AWARE POSSIBILITIES ANTI-WHITE BACKLASH AND ARE STAYING INSIDE AND LOW. LOCAL EMPLOYEE REPORTS UNKNOWN NUMBER WHITES ALREADY PRISONERS CAMP

CUEZO.

4. EMBASSY RADIO/TELEPHONE NET OPERATING SATISFACTORILY AND
24-HOUR WATCH BEING KEPT IN DTS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY WITH
SSB LINK ESTABLISHED WITH LOME AND ACCRA.
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